ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

-of the-

Ninth Annual Session

-of the-

HAW RIDGE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

-held with-

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH, Zennille, Pike Co., Ala.

October 14 and 15, 1897.

OFFICERS:

PHILIP KING	Moderator,
W. E. HAYES	Clerk,
J. W. ROE	Treasurer.

The next session will be held with the Baptist Church at Antioch in Barbour County, Ala., three miles east of Elamville, on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1898.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

MISSIONS—Lewis Moseley, J Matt Williams, and W L Echols.

EDUCATION—I H McLane, Daniel Martin, and W J Snellgrove.

TEMPERANCE—Philip King, H Beckham, and J W Roe.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS—Henry Hudson, G B Langford and H B Cherry.

ORPHAN'S HOME—Lam Martin, Isaac Kieser, and W C Jones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—J B Byrd, Jr. Mack Hatcher, and T M Martin.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—W L Echols, P G Belcher, Harper Andrews, D A Faulk and E O Spigner.

TIME OF MEETING—Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1898, at Antioch, three miles east of Elamville, in Barbour county, Ala. Bro C L Matthews to preach the introductory sermon.

MINUTES

The Ninth Annual Session of the Haw Ridge Baptist Association convened with Christian Home Church at Tennille, Pike county, Alabama, October 14th 1897.

The Introductory sermon was preached by our brother W. J. Hatcher, from the 15 verses of the 3rd chapter of 1st. Tim,, giving a very instructive lesson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by Bro. Philip King former Moderator. Letters from the following churches were read and delegates names enrolled as follows :

Antioch—A Pellum, A Smith, W H Akin, and Wilson Bullard.

Christian Home—Tall Faulk, W V Bishop and D F Jackson.

Enterprise—I H McLane, and T J Logan.

Ebenezer—Phillip King, G W Jackson and W E Hayes.

Eden—Millard Smith.

Haw Ridge—H Beckham.

Line Creek—W J Hatcher and E O Spigner.

Mt. Liberty—C L Mathews, Henry Hudson, John Archer, T M Martin and Marion Waters.

Pleasant Grove—G B. Langford, B. F. Fountain, Daniel Byrd and W H Andrews.

Rockey Head—J W Roe, H B Cherry and W O Roe.

Cool Springs—Not represented.

The Moderator announced the body ready for the election of officers. The election was held which resulted in the re-election of Philip King Moderator, W. E. Hayes Clerk and J. W. Roe Treasurer.

Called for Petitionary Letters.—A letter from Enon church was presented delegated by J M Medley, E D Edgar, Isaac Keiser. The delegates were received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

Appoint Committee on Divine Services, C. L. Matthews, H. Beckham and the delegates from Christian Home church.

Invited visiting Ministers, agents and colportuers to seats in the body with the following response:

Troy Association, N C Underwood, A. B. Campbell, Dr. G. Hendrix.

Newton Association, C S Pelham, C Deal, and W W Faulkner.

Judson Association, Revs F M Hauser and A J Preston.

Salem Association, Rev D C Allen.

Appointed committee on nomination, J W Roe, I H McLane and B F Fountain.

Appoint committee on document, G B Langford, Henry Hudson and D A Faulk.

Appointed Committee on finance, A Pellum, D'n'l Byrd and Harper Andrews.

Report on Divine Services.—Preached to-night N C Underwood, 7 o'clock, to-morrow Dr A B Campbell 11 o'clock, to-morrow night F M Hawsier 7 o'clock, C L Mathews chairman.

SECOND DAY.

Christian Home, Oct 15—8,30 o'clock, The Association was called to order by our Moderator by singing, Prayer by Bro C S Pelham.

Called for the reading of yesterday proceedings—read and adopted.

Called for report on education. This subject was ably discussed by brethren Hauser and Campbell, and adopted. (See No 1.)

Called for report on mission, read and discussed by brethren Matthews, Faulkner, McLane, Underwood, Hauser and Hatcher, report adopted. (See No 2).

EVENING SESSION.

2 p m Called to order by singing.

Called for C S Pelham's report read and adopted. (See No 3.)

Next was to take up a collection for Bro C S Pelham, amounting to $4.50.

Called for report on Temperance read and adopted. (See No. 4.

Called for report on Documents read and adopted. See No 5.

Called for report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read and adopted. (See No 6.)

Called for report on Sunday Schools. No report.

Called for report of Executive Committee. No report.

Called for report on Nominations read and adopted. (See No 7.)

Called for report on Finance, read and adopted. (See No 8.

Called for report on Orphan's Home, read and adopted. (See No 9.)

Called for Treasurer's report. (See No 10.)

On motion agreed to get up a minister's meeting in this Association to meet once every three months. Arranging committee, W J Hatcher, C L Matthews and Henry Hudson.

On motion agreed to have 350 Minutes printed, and the balance of the Minute money to be paid to the Clerk for his services.

Resolved, That we the Haw Ridge Association tender this church and community our sincere thanks for their hospitality and highly appreciated entertainments. Respectfully submitted,

C L Matthews.

The Association adjourned to meet with Antioch church, three miles east of Elamville, in Barbour county, Alabama, on Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1898.

PHILLIP KING, Moderator.

W E. Hays, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON EDUCATION (NO 1.)

We your committee on Education beg leave to report that we deem it incumbent upon every Baptist to give every attention to the education of their children, so far as their means may permit while we are thankful that our common schools are numerous, and that we have a better grade or higher standard of teachers, yet we are impressed with the importance of having more wholesome literature and books in our homes accessible to our children. A christian education is of paramount importance to the rising generation. We

recommend the Howard College and Judson Institute to our brethren as well worthy of their support, and co-operation. Leastly we are of the undivided opinion that the needs of the present time is an educated ministry. A ministry which is not only able to combat error, but more rightly divide the word of God.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

I H McLane.

Report on Mission No. 2.

We submit the follcwing as our report. There is nothing done along this line in our Association of much note. True Bro Pelham has done what he could in his feebleness, but he has been unable to accomplish much good, not being able to undergo the hardships and fatigue, Bro A J Preston, the evargelist has done some good work in our midst by way of indoctring the people upon the principle of the doctrine of Christ, and harmonizing the churches and holding up the hands of pastors, we think Bro Preston is the right man in the right place, but so far as our churches doing anything by way of giving for missions, they are doing comparatively nothing. There seems to be an anti-mission spirit in the churches, and it has run to that extent that some of our churches will not only not send the gospel to heathen lands, but utterly refuse to support their pastors who have preached the gospel to their brethren. While I think we ought to have mission work at home, I believe this work ought to be done through the pastors of this country. Let the churches work up along this line, and pay their pastors a salary that will justify them in giving their whole time to the study and preaching of the word, but brethren unless we can rid ourselves from this dominating spirit of not giving our pastors, many of them will have to quit the field and return to secular work for support, and our missionaries will have to go home. All this my brethren grows out of the fact that we are not doing our duty as faithful disciples of Christ, remember that Christ said go not halt, go into all the world and preach the gospel, so you see we are responsible before God for the way and manner we treat his blessed gospel. Remember brethren that people must hear before they can believe and must believe before they are saved. Our foreign missions are dependent, and looking to the State Board, and the State Board is dependent upon the churches for money to foot the bills, and by this way we are all represented as giving and spreading the gospel, but unless we give of our substance and come up to the help of the Lord, we fall below a church of Christ, remember brethren we are not to live unto ourselves, ye are not your own, ye are Christ's servants, and he says go do this work, may the Lord help us so to do.

Respectfully submitted,

C L Matthews, Chairman.

C. S. Pelham's Report No. 3.

To the saints and faithful in Christ Jesus that compose the Haw Ridge Baptist Association. Dear brethren since the last Association I nave been very much afflicted, so much so that I have not done the work that I wanted to do, but I have done the best that I could. I have traveled 1480 miles, preached 59 sermons, held 145 devotional services, delivered 148 admonitions and exhortations, visited 43 sick persons, made 307 family visits, traved 159 days, sold 43 Bibles,

123 Testaments, 26 other books, donated9, received kind words, from all and kind deeds from a few, and very thankful for all favors that I have received. My love to youall. C S. PELHAM.

On Temperance No. 4.

What I say on this subject I hope will be honoring to God, and beneficial to man. I have frequently seen statements as to the number of gallons of whiskey made and sold. The number of saloons, and the number of drunkards, and the per cent of murders caused by whiskey, yet I am not persuaded that these statements tend to stop or lessen intemperance. We turn to Gen. 3, 6, and we learn what influences that were brought to bear, upon the mind of Eve that caused her to "fall." The first was "food," the second "sight," the third "knowledge." "Food," excites and gratifies the "appetite," objects and actions excite and gratify the lusts of the "eye" while knowledge gratifies the "desires" and "ambition" of the mind. We find that food—that which gratifies the "appetite," is the first "temptation" mentioned, and that the "lusts" of the "eye" are the next, and that "knowledge" is the third—and find that these three powers combined, excited and directed the "will." We now have the key to the "cause" of intemperance. It is Satan operating the will of men and women, through the "appetites" and "lusts" of the flesh—hence the only way to correct intemperance, is to bridle the appetite of the flesh—and the only way to get men and women to bridle their appetites and lusts, is to bring them under the power of the gospel—and the following are three good ways to enforce the gospel. 1. By boldly and fearlessly "preaching" the gospel. 2. By professors "loving" the gospel. 3. By the church of Christ strictly "enforcing" the gospel. In my judgment, the liquor business is one of the foremost enterprises of the Devil, and that the man or woman who is in sympathy with the liquor business is as much the advocate and servant of the Devil, as the man who tells lies, steals or commits adultery, hence I believe every professed follower of Christ, ought to be held as strictly to the law of "soberness," as they are to the law of "truth" and "virtue." You may array all the horrors of murder, the prison, the gallows, and of Hell, but unless the laws of the gospel of Christ are enforced, it will no more stop the liquor business than it will the growth of vegetation. The great popular idea of "the day" is for the "civil" government to enact and enforce "prohibition." If the "civil government" was "the salt of the earth," or "the light of the world" there might be some hope of final success to the suppression of the liquor business, but since this power belongs alone to "the church" of Christ, we must look to the church to enforce the law of "prohibition" enacted by Jesus Christ.

In conclusion let me say, I respect no man nor woman who drinks liquor as a beverage, or who is in sympathy with the liquor business, as possessing a clean heart, a pure character, or worthy of emulation With me all who are in sympathy with the liquor business, are in league with the Devil, and are unworthy to be called a follower of Christ, or a place in His church. Respectfully submitted,

W J. HATCHER.

Report on Documents No 5.

We your committee on Documents submit the following report. 1. Eden church asks for a letter of dismission, and we recommend it be granted. 2. We find from reading of the letters that Antioch

church petitions the next session of your body to convene with them, and we recommend that the petition be granted. 3. We recommend that the body meet next year on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1898, and that the session last two days.

G B Langford,
D A Faulk,
Henry Hudson,
Committee.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons No 6.

We your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons submit the following report. That we are pleased to state that there has not a minister or deacon died within the bounds of our Association for the past year.

E O Signer,
H B Cherry.

Report on Nominations No 7.

We your committee on Nominations submit the following report.
On Missions—Lewis Moseley, J Matt Williams, and W L Echols.
On Education—I H McLane, Daniel Martin and W J Snellgrove.
On Temperance—P King, H Beckham, and J W Roe.
On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Henry Hudson, G B Langford and H B Cherry.
On Orphan's Home—Lam Martin, Isaac Kieser, and W C Jones.
On Sunday Schools—J B Byrd, Jr Mack Hatcher and T M Martin.
Executive Committee—W L Echols, P G Belcher, Harper Andrews, D A Faulk and E O Spigner.
To preach introductory sermon next year, C L Matthews.

Report on Orphan's Home No 9

We your committee on Orphan's Home are pained at the small donations sent up by our churches for the support of the orphan children which we as a denomination are trying to support and educate.

We must believe the fault in a great measure lies with the pastors of our churches who do not bring this great work of the church before their congregations. We recommend the management of the Home under Bro J W Stewart, and urge our pastors to present this matter to our people.

J W Roe,
T M Martin.

Treasurer's Report No 10.

I, J W Roe, Treasurer of the Haw Ridge Association submit the following.

Oct. 15, 1897.	Received of Finance Committee			$31 15
" " "	Paid Clerk for printing minutes	$15 65		
" " "	Paid State Board - - -	8 10		
" " "	Pd WJHatcher Bal on last years serv's	1 90		
" " "	Paid C S Pelham - - - -	5 50		
				$31 15

Report on Finance, No. 8.

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

CHURCHES	State Mission		Foreign Mission		C. S. Pellum		Orphans' Home		Minutes
	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	
Antioch									2 25
Cool Springs									
Christian Home									1 50
Ebenzer		5 22				10 42			1 60
Enon									25
Enterprise	1 90	4 75	3 00			5 40			1 55
Enon		1 00					1 00		75
Haw Ridge		3 10				3 65			1 00
Line Creek									50
Mt. Liberty			1 20						1 50
Pleasant Grove	1 00	10 00			1 00	14 00			3 00
Rockey Head		6 60		3 25		8 15		3 00	1 75
Collected					4 50				
Totals	2 90	30 67	4 20	3 25	5 50	41 72	1 00	3 00	15 65

Total $107. 89.

33.57 A. Pelham, D. Byrd, H. Andrews.
7.45 47.22 4.

CHURCH DIRECTORY AND STATISTIC AL TABLE:

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Baptism	Restoration	Received by Letter	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership.	Statement	Time of Meeting
Antioch,	J. A. Phillips,	Elamville,	E. K. Smith,	Elamville,	10	6	3	3	1	5	120		
Cool Springs, Christian Home,	C. L. Matthews,	Ozark,	D. A. Faulk,	Tennille,			6	2	4		52		
Ebenezer,	D. C. Allen,	Brundidge,	W. E. Hayes,	Haw Ridge,	1	1	6	11		2	153		3
Eden,	H. Nickles,	Eta,	C. J. Hinson,	Geneva,			2	5	1		22	3	
Enterprise,	W. W. Faulkner,	Charlton,	W. E. Heath,	Enterprise,	1		6	4	2		105	1	4
Enon,	J. W. Reynolds,	Baltic,	H. M. Bradley,	Adair,	31		5	1			37		3
Haw Ridge,	J. F. Register,	Geneva,	W. E. Heath,	Haw Ridge,	1			6			47		1
Line Creek,	W. J. Hatcher,	Hatcher,	J. W. Smith,	Vera,	1		5	6	3		31		2
Mt. Liberty,	J. F. Register,	Geneva,	Jas. Hudson,	Haw Ridge,			4	6			116		1
Pleasant Grove,	W. W. Faulkner,	Charlton,	G. B. Langford,	Dillard,	2	1	3	7	7	4	189		2
Rockey Head,	W. W. Faulkner,	Charlton,	W. O. Roe,	Rocky Head	2	1	5	11	3		156		3
					39	9	45	62	21	11	886	4	

Ordained Ministers—W. J. Hatcher, Hatcher, Ala., C. L. Matthews, Ozark, Ala.

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